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RAJYASABHA

Year	No. of dacoities reported
2004	23
2005	22
2006(from January to September)	14

(b) No, Sir,

(c) According to Entry No. 2 of the State List of Constitution of India, Police'(including Railways and village Police), is a State subject. Registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are, therefore, the statutory responsibility of the State Police. The State Police have a separate wing called the Government Railway Police (GRP) for dealing with all matters relating to law and order on the Railways.

To effectively supplement the efforts of the State Governments in controlling crime on the Railways, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) staff are being deployed to escort many trains and also on access control duties in the passenger area to augment the efforts of the State Governments. RPF has also been empowered to deal with minor offences affecting the train operations such as alarm chain pulling, roof travel, touting ticketless travel, unauthorized entry into coaches earmarked for ladies etc. (except Sabotage related offences under Sections 150 to 152) with the amendment to the Railways Act, 1989 *w.e.f.* July 2004.

Exemption from paying dividend to build freight corridor

379. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry has approached Government for five years exemption from paying dividend to build freight corridor;
- (b) if so, how this help would raise the railway fund;
- (c) the loss expected to be suffered by Government;
- (d) whether such helps have also been given in the past; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the expected decision of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise

(e) No, Sir. Does not arise.

Safety of rail passengers

†380. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that incidents of looting of rail passengers after they are **made** to consume food laced with poison are on rampant increase.

(b) if so, whether Government would take any effective steps to make rail journey safer and also to protect life and property of rail-passengers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. There is an increase in the incidents of Drugging cases reported in trains during the period January to September 2006 in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous year.

(b) and (c) According to Entry No. 2 of the State List of the Constitution of India, 'Police' (including Railway station Police), is a State subject. Registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are, therefore, the statutory responsibility of the State Police. The State Police have a separate wing called the Government Railway Police (GRP) for dealing with all matters relating to law and order on the Railways. So, Railways have to depend largely on state police (GRP) for control of crime on Railways. Regular co-ordination meetings are being held by RPF and Railway officials with their counterparts in GRP and Police of concerned states to highlight this problem and find out effective strategy to tackle the menace.

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